

CHAPTER 1117**JURISDICTIONAL AMOUNT FOR SMALL CLAIMS***H.F. 2286*

AN ACT increasing the jurisdictional amount for small claims.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 631.1, Code 1993, is amended to read as follows:

631.1 SMALL CLAIMS.

1. The following actions or claims are small claims and shall be commenced, heard and determined as provided in this chapter:

A civil action for a money judgment where the amount in controversy is ~~two~~ three thousand dollars or less for actions commenced on or after July 1, 1994, and before July 1, 1995, and four thousand dollars or less for actions commenced on or after July 1, 1995, exclusive of interest and costs.

2. The district court sitting in small claims shall have concurrent jurisdiction of an action for forcible entry and detainer which is based on those grounds set forth in section 648.1, subsections 1, 2, 3 and 5. When commenced under this chapter, the action shall be a small claim for the purposes of this chapter.

3. The district court sitting in small claims has concurrent jurisdiction of an action of replevin if the value of the property claimed is ~~two~~ three thousand dollars or less for actions commenced on or after July 1, 1994, and before July 1, 1995, and four thousand dollars or less for actions commenced on or after July 1, 1995. When commenced under this chapter, the action is a small claim for the purposes of this chapter.

4. The district court sitting in small claims has concurrent jurisdiction of motions and orders relating to executions against personal property, including garnishments, where the value of the property or garnisheed money involved is ~~two~~ three thousand dollars or less for actions commenced on or after July 1, 1994, and before July 1, 1995, and four thousand dollars or less for actions commenced on or after July 1, 1995.

Sec. 2. **JURISDICTIONAL AMOUNT REVERSION.** The jurisdictional amount in section 1 of this Act shall revert to two thousand dollars if a court of competent jurisdiction declares the three or four thousand dollar amount unconstitutional.

Approved April 26, 1994

CHAPTER 1118**ASSISTANCE TO BEGINNING FARMERS***H.F. 2318*

AN ACT relating to assistance provided to beginning farmers by the agricultural development authority, by providing that family farm limited corporations and family farm limited liability companies are eligible to receive assistance, and providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 175.2, subsection 6, Code 1993, is amended to read as follows:

6. "Beginning farmer" means an individual, ~~or~~ partnership, family farm corporation, or family farm limited liability company, as defined in section 9H.1, with a low or moderate net worth that engages in farming or wishes to engage in farming.